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U.S. Patent No. 6,381,031 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-289074 are discussed in the specification.

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